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**VIA ECFS**

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Notice of ex parte presentation, CAF Phase II competitive bidding -  
Hughes Network Systems (WC Docket No. 10-90)*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On October 9, 2015, Hughes Network Systems (“Hughes”) met with Nicholas Degani, legal advisor to Commissioner Ajit Pai, to discuss the requirements for participation in the competitive bidding process for Connect America Fund (“CAF”) Phase II. Hughes was represented by Jennifer Manner, Vice President, Regulatory Affairs; Phillip O’Brien, Vice President, Legal – North America Division and Associate General Counsel; and undersigned counsel. In the meeting, Hughes urged the Commission to adopt competitively neutral standards for participation in the CAF Phase II competitive bidding process. In particular, Hughes urged the Commission not to prioritize bidders based on the broadband technology used, and to adopt participation criteria that recognize the physical realities of satellite service with regard to such factors as latency and capacity.

Respectfully submitted,

WILKINSON BARKER KNAUER, LLP

/s/

L. Charles Keller

cc: Nicholas Degani